

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

ISABELA SNEED,
Plaintiff,

vs.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 16 OF
PAYNE COUNTY,
Defendant.

} Case No. 22-cv-00031-R

DEPOSITION OF
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1 A That's correct.

2 Q Okay. And to the extent that there
3 was -- if there was an investigation, none
4 of that information was passed on to you
5 when you became the superintendent, fair?

6 A Fair.

7 Q Okay. And to the extent that if
8 there was an investigation and it uncovered
9 additional victims that might be high
10 schoolers now, you've also not been made
11 aware of that, fair?

12 A Sorry, can you repeat the question?
13 Sorry.

14 Q Sure. I understand that you're
15 saying you don't know if there was an
16 investigation or not?

17 A Yeah, investigate, no.

18 Q Which I totally get that.

19 A Uh-huh.

20 Q I understand, okay? And my question
21 simply is, no one has come to you, whether
22 there was an investigation or not, no one
23 has come to you from the Stillwater Public
24 School System and said, hey there's a
25 couple of girls that are in high school now

1 that we think might have been victims of
2 Morejon, anything like that? Isn't --
3 that's not happened?

4 A There -- there was one.

5 Q Okay. Tell me about that.

6 A Sorry, this is kind of a longer
7 story that --

8 Q Take your time. We're going to be
9 done -- this is really the last couple of
10 questions --

11 A Okay.

12 Q -- I got for you.

13 A There was a young lady who we found
14 was homeless going into her senior year.
15 And she was living in her vehicle, she'd
16 had some issues with her family at home.
17 And she was a very likable kid, we knew
18 her. And one of my teachers took her in to
19 live with her and her family, and -- to get
20 her off the street, help her out.

21 Q Uh-huh.

22 A When this story broke, the Morejon
23 story broke, that teacher came to me and
24 said, I think she might have been involved
25 in this a little bit. I directly went to

1 my SR -- excuse me, my SRO and I said,
2 here's what's being reported to me from
3 this teacher. And the teacher said, I
4 don't know that she'll talk to anybody. I
5 just have a feeling.

6 And I said, well, let's set her up an
7 appointment with -- because the police --
8 my understanding was the police were still
9 doing this investigation. They were
10 handling all the evidence collection and
11 everything else, because the trial was -- I
12 mean, we started the school year, so he
13 knew he'd resigned.

14 Q Uh-huh.

15 A But they were still collecting
16 information. Gave it to the SRO, she
17 talked to him. I asked the SRO, did she
18 tell you her story? And he said, yes.
19 Then I reported it to my superior, my
20 directs, which were the assistant sup and
21 the superintendent.

22 Q Who -- give me the -- just so I can
23 understand, the --

24 A Sure.

25 Q -- faculty member who she had moved

1 in with was who?

2 A Debbie Dawson.

3 Q Okay. And so Debbie had learned
4 that this particular student had fallen
5 kind of on hard times with her family, was
6 living out of her car?

7 A We -- when we heard that -- we kind
8 of heard it as a group. She's one of those
9 kids that everybody likes her --

10 Q Uh-huh.

11 A -- and we knew that her family
12 situation was challenging.

13 But yeah, then we found out that she was
14 living in her car. And Ms. Dawson said,
15 I'll take her and ended up keeping her for
16 the rest of the year and kept a good eye on
17 her. They had conversations and were just
18 -- if anybody -- if she needed anything,
19 Debbie would let us know. She'd worked
20 with the counselors. The young lady
21 graduated that year, went to OSU.

22 Q What was the year?

23 A I want to say it was the coming back
24 out of the COVID year, so it was 2021. It
25 was -- she graduated that year.

1 Q Okay.

2 A Yeah.

3 Q And so when that issue came up,
4 Morejon had already left the school and was
5 being prosecuted; is that right?

6 A Correct.

7 Q Okay. So it had been become --

8 A That's my recollection --

9 Q -- public?

10 A -- yes.

11 Q What was the girl's name that
12 graduated?

13 A Golly, I can get that to you.

14 Q Okay.

15 A I'm sorry.

16 Q That's okay.

17 A I had it just a second ago.

18 Q You're fine. She ended up going to
19 OSU?

20 A She went to OSU. She's got a
21 nursing certification now. She -- I
22 believe she left OSU after the first year
23 and then went to Meridian, and is into her
24 nursing experience.

25 Q Is she living in OS -- or Stillwater